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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MARR, US, PL

SUBJECT: ICCS: POLISH VIEW OF CPR INFLUENCE

REF: WARSAW 5054

1. DURING LENGTHY INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH POLISH
MFA AMERICAN DESK OFFICER WOJTOWICZ, SEPTEMBER 28,
EUR/EE DIRECTOR BAKER REFERRED TO ICCS TO
INDICATE WHY MOMENTUM OF US-POLISH BILATERAL RELATIONS
WAS LESS STRONG THAN POLES DESIRED. TO EMPHASIZE
GOP EFFORT IN ICCS, WOJTOWICZ STRESSED SIGNIFICANCE
OF POLISH WITHDRAWAL OF KULAGA FROM UN TO SEND HIM
TO ICCS AND NOTED GREAT COMPLEXITY OF SITUATION IN
VIETNAM, REFERRING TO THIS CONTEXT TO JAROSZEWICZ-
DENT CONVERSATION (REFTEL). ASKED TO ELABORATE ON
JAROSZEWICZ'S REFERENCE TO CPR INFLUENCE, WOJTOWICZ
SPELLED OUT FOLLOWING PICTURE.

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2. CPR, WHICH HAS CLOSE LINKS TO PRG, WAS ENCOURAGING PRG TO DEMAND SUPPLIES AND WEAPONS FROM DRV TO PURSUE GUERILLA TACTICS IN SVN, KNOWING DRV WOULD BE EMBARRASSED BY ANY REVELATION THAT IT WAS WITHHOLDING SUCH SUPPORT.

3. CPR WAS ALSO LEANING ON DRV TO PURSUE CONVENTIONAL OFFENSIVE, EXPECTING THAT SOVIET-SUPPLIED WEAPONS FOR CONVENTIONAL FORCES (E.G., TANKS AND ARTILLERY) WOULD BE EXHAUSTED BEFORE NVA COULD GAIN SIGNIFICANT VICTORIES AND SOVIETS WOULD BE DISINCLINED TO RESUPPLY. THIS WOULD WEAKEN SOVIET-DRV RELATIONSHIP AND FORCE DRV BACK INTO GREATER DEPENDENCE ON CPR AND ON GUERILLA TACTICS MORE COMPATIBLE WITH CHINESE COMMUNIST REVOLUTIONARY THEORIES AND WEAPONS-SUPPLY CAPACITIES.

4. THIS, IN TURN, WOULD INCREASE INFLUENCE OF FAVORED CPR INSTRUMENT, PRG, IN PROSECUTION OF STRUGGLE IN SVN.

5. ASKED IF THIS WAS DRV ASSESSMENT, WOJTOWICZ INSISTED IT WAS A POLISH ASSESSMENT SUPPORTED BY EVIDENCE AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO POLES IN VIETNAM.

6. COMMENT: WOJTOWICZ, WHO DOES NOT CLAIM TO BE A VIETNAMESE EXPERT, WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO SUPPLY THIS COMPLEX TYPE OF ELABORATION ON HIS OWN. NOR, WE THINK, WOULD GOP BE LIKELY TO FEED THIS TO THE US WITHOUT SOVIET KNOWLEDGE. BEYOND THESE ASSESSMENTS, WE HAVE NO BASIS FOR CONCLUSIONS AS TO THE ACCURACY OF THIS PICTURE, BUT IT PROVIDES THE RATIONALE BEHIND THE STATEMENTS JAROSZEWICZ MADE TO SECRETARY DENT.

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